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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

THE STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

VS.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION and DOES 1 to 50 inclusive,

Defendant.

No.: C 07 3872 BZ

SUPPLEMENTAL CASE
MANAGEMENT STATEMENT,
STIPULATION AND ORDER
CONTINUING STATUS CONFERENCE,
EXTENDING DISCOVERY, EXPERT
AND MOTION DATES

## TO THE HONORABLE BERNARD ZIMMERMAN, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

- 1. This fire insurance subrogation matter is before the Court on removal jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441. Pursuant to stipulation and joint request of the parties, this matter was assigned to the Honorable Bernard Zimmerman on March 12, 2008. On March 17, 2008, the court set this matter for a Status Conference on Monday, April 28, 2008.
- 2. Judge Wilken, to whom the matter was previously assigned, held a Case Management Conference on November 6, 2007and set certain dates. Among other dates, she set a discovery cut-off date of March 17, 2008, an expert witness disclosure date of April 8, 2008 and a

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dispositive motions cut-off date of May 8, 2008. Presumably as a result of a typographical error, Judge Wilken also set an expert witness discovery cut-off date of March 17 (i.e., some three weeks before expert witnesses are to be disclosed). A pretrial conference was set for July 23, 2008 and trial for August 4, 2008, although those dates were vacated when the matter was assigned to Judge Zimmerman.

- 3. The parties have worked diligently to complete their expert investigations so as to submit the matter to mediation. It is the intention of both parties to work actively at mediation to resolve this matter, and the case may well be resolved at that time. However, despite the best efforts of the parties, expert investigation has only recently been concluded, with the last inspection occurring this month. The earliest mutually available date for bringing this before the parties' agreed mediator is May 13, 2008, and mediation has been scheduled for that date.
- 4. In an effort to save costs while determining if this case can be resolved at mediation, the parties have limited their activities to those necessary to position the case for the mediation, and would like to continue to do so until the case has been mediated. For that reason, the parties are jointly asking the court to reschedule the expert witness disclosure, discovery cut-off and motion hearing cut-off dates by approximately sixty days, and reschedule the expert witness discovery cut-off to a date which allows a suitable window for expert witness discovery after experts are disclosed. Specifically, the parties request dates as follows:

Non-expert discovery cut-off: July 11, 2008

August 8, 2008

Expert witness discovery cut-off September 18, 2008

Dispositive motions hearing cut-off October 31, 2008.

As mentioned above, the parties will make every effort to resolve the matter at the May 13 mediation, so that these dates become moot.

5. The parties propose that the status conference now set for April 28, 2008 be continued to a date after the May 13 mediation, so that if the case settles no conference will be necessary. The parties also request that pretrial and trial be set after November 15, 2008.

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